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This declaration is for an original application.

**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**TITLE OF INVENTION**

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**SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

The specification is attached hereto.

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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## IDENTIFICATION OF ASSIGNEE

2. Name of assignee: Simpson Strong Tie Company, Inc.  
Type of assignee: Corporation

## PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN

3. Name of person authorized to sign on behalf of assignee: Stephen B. Lamson

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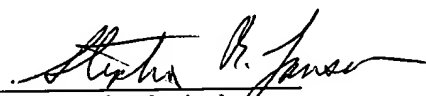
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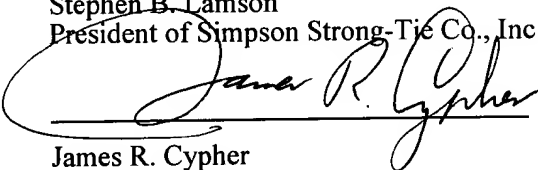
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